

**South Bend Police Department
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Media Release

SBPD offers free Summer Tennis Programs for kids and adults

Get your game on—beginning June 25 through August 1, 2007, on the west side of South Bend. The South Bend Police Department (SBPD) is once again sponsoring their popular, yearly Summer Tennis Programs for ages 8 through adult, from “beginners” on up. SBPD officers serve up tennis coaching and good sportsmanship lessons to anyone—from those wanting to learn or improve their game of tennis, as well as those who may otherwise not be able to access or afford it. The equipment and lessons are provided, as well as beverages and occasional treats.

SBPD Uniform Division Chief Darryl Boykins founded the program several years ago and will be joined by assistant coach Sgt. Dave Herron and others on the courts at Washington High School, Mondays – Wednesdays, during two daily sessions, from 10-11:30 a.m. and Noon – 1:30 p.m. Sgt. Herron and other officers and volunteers will also offer the SBPD/ Weed & Seed Tennis Program for inner city youth at the Charles Black Youth Center on Thursdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.

“It’s a great way for us to share our love of the game, but even better when kids (citizens) get to see another side of a police officer...as mentors and people who care about them and the community,” explained Chief Boykins, adding that he developed the program in 1998, in response to seeing misguided youngsters while patrolling the streets.

For more information or to donate or offer a sponsorship, please contact Chief Darryl Boykins, at 574-235-9311.

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